

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in response to the final Official Action mailed September 3, 2004. Applicants have cancelled rejected claims 39-42 and only allowed claims 26-38 remain pending.

With this amendment, applicants have cancelled rejected claims 39-42 without prejudice, such that only allowed claims 26-38 remain pending. The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Thus, reexamination and reconsideration of the application, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. § 1.112, are respectfully requested and good cause exists for the entry of this amendment in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Applicants' canceling of claims 39-42 has been done to expedite prosecution and is without prejudice and without agreeing with the Examiner's remarks and rejections. Applicants reserve the right to timely file a continuation application.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request the issuance of a notice of allowance for all pending claims.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

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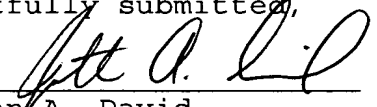
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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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